Cases of sick units of Gujarat pending with BIFR

135. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of cases of sick units of Gujarat pending with BIFR;

(b) whether Government propose to sell these units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that as on date 242 sick industrial companies from the state of Gujarat are registered with BIFR under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special provisions) Act, 1985. Out of these, cases of 82 companies are at various stages of consideration with BIFR. Any decision to sell these units has to be taken by BIFR in accordance with the provisions of SICA, 1985.

Privatisation of Banks on the Advice of Disinvestment Panel

136. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all banks except State Bank of India are to be privatised as per advice of Disinvestment panel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are Government's views in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Disinvestment Commission has made no recommendations regarding nationalised banks.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.